

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

1 **Claim 4 (currently amended):** ~~The A~~ sealing system of
2 ~~claim 2~~ for a rotating machine having a stationary element
3 and a drive element rotationally connected to said
4 stationary element, the sealing system comprising:

5 a plate comprising a bearing surface, the plate for
6 connecting to one of said drive element and said stationary
7 element; and

8 a sealing assembly comprising a resilient bellows and
9 a bearing surface, the bellows having a plurality of
10 corrugations and a tapered collar extending inwardly from
11 an end of the bellows, and the bellows providing a force
12 which causes the bearing surface of the sealing assembly to
13 bear on the bearing surface of the plate to form a dynamic
14 seal, the sealing assembly further comprising a thrust
15 plate attached to the collar, the thrust plate providing
16 said bearing surface of the sealing assembly;

17 wherein the sealing assembly further comprises a
18 static sealing element, the static sealing element being
19 disposed within a gap provided between the collar and the
20 thrust plate.

Claims 5-23 (canceled)

1 **Claim 24 (previously presented):** A method for forming
2 a resilient bellows for a sealing system in a rotating
3 machine having a stationary element and a drive element
4 rotationally connected to said stationary element, the
5 method comprising steps of:
6 forming a bellows having a corrugated hollow body; and
7 folding an end of the body inwardly to form a collar
8 for receiving a plate.